

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MARSHALL DIVISION**

**CHARLES C. FREENY III, BRYAN E.
FREENY, and JAMES P. FREENY,**

Plaintiffs,

v.

HTC AMERICA, INC.,

Defendant.

Case No. _____

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

Plaintiffs Charles C. Freeny III, Bryan E. Freeny, and James P. Freeny (collectively “Plaintiffs”), for their Complaint against Defendant HTC America, Inc., hereby allege as follows:

THE PARTIES

1. Plaintiff Charles C. Freeny III is an individual residing in Flower Mound, Texas.
2. Plaintiff Bryan E. Freeny is an individual residing in Ft. Worth, Texas.
3. Plaintiff James P. Freeny is an individual residing in Spring, Texas.
4. On information and belief, Defendant HTC America, Inc. (“HTC”) is a

Washington corporation with its principal place of business at 13290 SE Eastgate Way, Suite 400, Bellevue, Washington 98005.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

5. This is an action for patent infringement arising under the Patent Act, 35 U.S.C. §§101 et seq. This Court has jurisdiction over Plaintiffs’ federal law claims under 28 U.S.C. §§1331 and 1338(a).

6. This Court has specific and/or general personal jurisdiction over Defendant HTC because it has committed acts giving rise to this action within this judicial district and/or has established minimum contacts within Texas and within this judicial district such that the exercise of jurisdiction over HTC would not offend traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.

7. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§1391(b)-(c) and 1400(b) because HTC has committed acts within this judicial district giving rise to this action, and continues to conduct business in this district, and/or has committed acts of patent infringement within this District giving rise to this action.

COUNT I

(INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,490,443)

8. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations set forth in the Paragraphs above as if fully set forth herein.

9. On December 3, 2002, the United States Patent and Trademark Office duly and lawfully issued United States Patent Number 6,490,443 (“the ’443 patent”), entitled “Communication and Proximity Authorization Systems.” A true and correct copy of the ’443 patent is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

10. The named inventor of the ’443 patent is Charles C. Freeny, Jr., who is now deceased.

11. Plaintiffs are the sons of Charles C. Freeny, Jr., and Plaintiffs are the owners and assignees of all right, title and interest in and to the ’443 patent, including the right to assert all causes of action arising under said patent and the right to any remedies for infringement of it.

12. On information and belief, HTC has been and now is directly infringing the ’443 patent in the State of Texas, in this judicial district, and elsewhere in the United States by, among

other things, making, using, selling, offering for sale, and/or importing into the United States mobile devices that embody one or more of the inventions claimed in the '443 patent, including but not limited to the HTC One smartphone and all reasonably similar products ("the accused HTC products"), in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a).

13. On information and belief, HTC is inducing and/or has induced infringement of one or more claims of the '443 patent as a result of, among other activities, instructing, encouraging, and directing its customers on the use of the accused HTC products in an infringing manner in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(b). On information and belief, HTC has had knowledge of the '443 patent since at least the date of service of this Complaint. Despite this knowledge of the '443 patent, HTC has continued to engage in activities to encourage and assist its customers in the use of the accused HTC products. For example, through its website at www.htc.com/us, HTC advertises the accused HTC products and provides instructions and technical support on the use the accused HTC products. On information and belief, by using the accused HTC products as encouraged and assisted by HTC, HTC's customers have directly infringed and continue to directly infringe one or more claims of the '443 patent. On information and belief, HTC knew or was willfully blind to the fact that its activities in encouraging and assisting customers in the use of the accused HTC products, including but not limited to the activities set forth above, would induce its customers' direct infringement of the '443 patent.

14. On information and belief, HTC will continue to infringe the '443 patent unless enjoined by this Court.

15. HTC acts of infringement have damaged Plaintiffs in an amount to be proven at trial, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty. HTC's infringement of Plaintiffs' rights

under the '443 patent will continue to damage Plaintiffs, causing irreparable harm for which there is no adequate remedy at law, unless enjoined by this Court.

COUNT II

(INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,806,977)

16. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations set forth in the Paragraphs above as if fully set forth herein.

17. On October 19, 2004, the United States Patent and Trademark Office duly and lawfully issued United States Patent Number 6,806,977 ("the '977 patent"), entitled "Multiple Integrated Machine System." A true and correct copy of the '977 patent is attached hereto as **Exhibit B.**

18. Plaintiffs are the owners and assignees of all right, title and interest in and to the '977 patent, including the right to assert all causes of action arising under said patent and the right to any remedies for infringement of it.

19. On information and belief, HTC has been and now is directly infringing the '977 patent in the State of Texas, in this judicial district, and elsewhere in the United States by, among other things, making, using, selling, offering for sale, and/or importing into the United States mobile devices that embody one or more of the inventions claimed in the '977 patent, including but not limited to the accused HTC products, in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a).

20. On information and belief, HTC is inducing and/or has induced infringement of one or more claims of the '977 patent as a result of, among other activities, instructing, encouraging, and directing its customers on the use of the accused HTC products in an infringing manner in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(b). On information and belief, HTC has had knowledge of the '977 patent since at least the date of service of this Complaint. Despite this knowledge of

the '977 patent, HTC has continued to engage in activities to encourage and assist its customers in the use of the accused HTC products. For example, through its website at www.htc.com/us, HTC advertises the accused HTC products and provides instructions and technical support on the use of the accused HTC products. On information and belief, by using the accused HTC products as encouraged and assisted by HTC, HTC's customers have directly infringed and continue to directly infringe one or more claims of the '977 patent. On information and belief, HTC knew or was willfully blind to the fact that its activities in encouraging and assisting customers in the use of the accused HTC products, including but not limited to the activities set forth above, would induce its customers' direct infringement of the '977 patent.

21. On information and belief, HTC will continue to infringe the '977 patent unless enjoined by this Court.

22. HTC acts of infringement have damaged Plaintiffs in an amount to be proven at trial, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty. HTC infringement of Plaintiffs' rights under the '977 patent will continue to damage Plaintiffs, causing irreparable harm for which there is no adequate remedy at law, unless enjoined by this Court.

COUNT III

(INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 7,301,664)

23. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations set forth in the Paragraphs above as if fully set forth herein.

24. On November 27, 2007, the United States Patent and Trademark Office duly and lawfully issued United States Patent Number 7,301,664 ("the '664 patent"), entitled "Multiple Integrated Machine System." A true and correct copy of the '664 patent is attached hereto as **Exhibit C.**

25. Plaintiffs are the owners and assignees of all right, title and interest in and to the '664 patent, including the right to assert all causes of action arising under said patent and the right to any remedies for infringement of it.

26. On information and belief, HTC has been and now is directly infringing the '664 patent in the State of Texas, in this judicial district, and elsewhere in the United States by, among other things, making, using, selling, offering for sale, and/or importing into the United States mobile devices that embody one or more of the inventions claimed in the '664 patent, including but not limited to the accused HTC products, in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a).

27. On information and belief, HTC is inducing and/or has induced infringement of one or more claims of the '664 patent as a result of, among other activities, instructing, encouraging, and directing its customers on the use of the accused HTC products in an infringing manner in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(b). On information and belief, HTC has had knowledge of the '664 patent since at least the date of service of this Complaint. Despite this knowledge of the '664 patent, HTC has continued to engage in activities to encourage and assist its customers in the use of the accused HTC products. For example, through its website at www.htc.com/us, HTC advertises the accused HTC products and provides instructions and technical support on the use the accused HTC products. On information and belief, by using the accused HTC products as encouraged and assisted by HTC, HTC's customers have directly infringed and continue to directly infringe one or more claims of the '664 patent. On information and belief, HTC knew or was willfully blind to the fact that its activities in encouraging and assisting customers in the use of the accused HTC products, including but not limited to the activities set forth above, would induce its customers' direct infringement of the '664 patent.

28. On information and belief, HTC will continue to infringe the '664 patent unless enjoined by this Court.

29. HTC acts of infringement have damaged Plaintiffs in an amount to be proven at trial, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty. HTC infringement of Plaintiffs' rights under the '664 patent will continue to damage Plaintiffs, causing irreparable harm for which there is no adequate remedy at law, unless enjoined by this Court.

COUNT IV

(INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 8,072,637)

30. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations set forth in the Paragraphs above as if fully set forth herein.

31. On December 6, 2011, the United States Patent and Trademark Office duly and lawfully issued United States Patent Number 8,072,637 ("the '637 patent"), entitled "Multiple Integrated Machine System." A true and correct copy of the '637 patent is attached hereto as **Exhibit D.**

32. Plaintiffs are the owners and assignees of all right, title and interest in and to the '637 patent, including the right to assert all causes of action arising under said patent and the right to any remedies for infringement of it.

33. On information and belief, HTC has been and now is directly infringing the '637 patent in the State of Texas, in this judicial district, and elsewhere in the United States by, among other things, making, using, selling, offering for sale, and/or importing into the United States mobile devices that embody one or more of the inventions claimed in the '637 patent, including but not limited to the accused HTC products, in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a).

34. On information and belief, HTC is inducing and/or has induced infringement of one or more claims of the '637 patent as a result of, among other activities, instructing, encouraging, and directing its customers on the use of the accused HTC products in an infringing manner in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(b). On information and belief, HTC has had knowledge of the '637 patent since at least the date of service of this Complaint. Despite this knowledge of the '637 patent, HTC has continued to engage in activities to encourage and assist its customers in the use of the accused HTC products. For example, through its website at www.htc.com/us, HTC advertises the accused HTC products and provides instructions and technical support on the use the accused HTC products. On information and belief, by using the accused HTC products as encouraged and assisted by HTC, HTC's customers have directly infringed and continue to directly infringe one or more claims of the '637 patent. On information and belief, HTC knew or was willfully blind to the fact that its activities in encouraging and assisting customers in the use of the accused HTC products, including but not limited to the activities set forth above, would induce its customers' direct infringement of the '637 patent.

35. On information and belief, HTC will continue to infringe the '637 patent unless enjoined by this Court.

36. HTC acts of infringement have damaged Plaintiffs in an amount to be proven at trial, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty. HTC infringement of Plaintiffs' rights under the '637 patent will continue to damage Plaintiffs, causing irreparable harm for which there is no adequate remedy at law, unless enjoined by this Court.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Wherefore, Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court enter judgment against HTC as follows:

- a. For judgment that HTC has infringed and continues to infringe the claims of the '443, '977, '664, and '637 patents;
- b. For a permanent injunction against HTC and its respective officers, directors, agents, servants, affiliates, employees, divisions, branches, subsidiaries, parents, and all others acting in active concert therewith from infringement of the '443, '977, '664, and '637 patents;
- c. For an accounting of all damages caused by HTC acts of infringement;
- d. For a judgment and order requiring HTC to pay Plaintiffs' damages, costs, expenses, and pre- and post-judgment interest for its infringement of the '443, '977, '664, and '637 patents as provided under 35 U.S.C. § 284; and
- e. For such other relief at law and in equity as the Court may deem just and proper.

DEMAND FOR A JURY TRIAL

Plaintiffs demand a trial by jury of all issues triable by a jury.

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Respectfully submitted,

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